

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

B of T Report 21-A-24

Subject: American Medical Association Meeting Venues and Accessibility
(Board of Trustees Report 12-I-23, RES 602-I-22)

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Referred to: Reference Committee F

1 At the 2023 Interim Meeting, Board of Trustees Report 12 American Medical Association Meeting
2 Venues and Accessibility responded to Resolution 602-I-22 and proposed amendments to Policy
3 G-630.140 which would have expanded options for meeting venues selection. The Report was
4 referred to the 2024 Annual meeting. Policy G-630.140 (4) states:

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6 4. It is the policy of our AMA not to hold meetings organized and/or primarily sponsored by
7 our AMA, in cities, counties, or states, or pay member, officer or employee dues in any club,
8 restaurant, or other institution, that has exclusionary policies, including, but not limited to,
9 policies based on, race, color, religion, national origin, ethnic origin, language, creed, sex,
10 sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and gender expression, disability, or age unless
11 intended or existing contracts or special circumstances justify an exception to this policy.
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13 This report responds to referred Board of Trustees Report 12, specifically addressing concerns
14 about assurances and guarantees for personal safety and medical care in an emergency.
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16 DISCUSSION

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18 The Board has heard member concerns and recommends that current policy remain in place and be
19 strictly enforced at all AMA meetings of the AMA. It is at the discretion of the House of Delegates
20 to change current policy.
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22 CONCLUSION

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24 This principled approach reflects the AMA's ongoing commitment to advocating for policies that
25 safeguard reproductive rights and combat discrimination. The organization remains steadfast in
26 promoting an inclusive and supportive environment for all members and attendees.
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28 RECOMMENDATION

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30 The Board therefore recommends Policy G-630.140 be reaffirmed and is strictly enforced as a
31 resolute stance against all forms of discrimination, and support of evidenced-based medicine,
32 underscoring our commitment to fostering an inclusive and safe environment for all attendees. This
33 strategic recommendation places a primary emphasis on prioritizing attendee safety, reflecting the
34 values and principles upheld by the AMA.

1 **Relevant AMA Policy**

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3 **Policy G-630.140 Lodging, Meeting Venues, and Social Functions**

4 1. Our AMA supports choosing hotels for its meetings, conferences, and conventions based on size,
5 service, location, cost, and similar factors.

6 2. Our AMA shall attempt, when allocating meeting space, to locate the Section Assembly
7 Meetings in the House of Delegates Meeting hotel or in a hotel in close proximity.

8 3. All meetings and conferences organized and/or primarily sponsored by our AMA will be held in
9 a town, city, county, or state that has enacted comprehensive legislation requiring smoke-free
10 worksites and public places (including restaurants and bars), unless intended or existing contracts
11 or special circumstances justify an exception to this policy, and our AMA encourages state and
12 local medical societies, national medical specialty societies, and other health organizations to adopt
13 a similar policy.

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16 restaurant, or other institution, that has exclusionary policies, including, but not limited to, policies
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18 orientation, gender, gender identity and gender expression, disability, or age unless intended or
19 existing contracts or special circumstances justify an exception to this policy.

20 5. Our AMA staff will work with facilities where AMA meetings are held to designate an area for
21 breastfeeding and breast pumping.

22 6. All future AMA meetings will be structured to provide accommodations for members and
23 invited attendees who are able to physically attend, but who need assistance in order to
24 meaningfully participate.

Fiscal Note: Minimal